

VIRGINIA WATER CONTROL BOARD - NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
APPROVAL OF FOUR TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) IMPLEMENTATION PLANS
ISSUED: April 18, 2005
COMMENT PERIOD CLOSURES: May 18, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the State Water Control Board (Board) is seeking comment on the approval of four Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) implementation plans and authorization to include the four TMDL implementation plans in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plan. All TMDLs addressed by these implementation plans have been previously approved by EPA and the Board.

The purpose of this action is to approve four Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans addressing ten bacteria TMDLs and two sediment TMDLs as the plans for the pollutant reductions necessary for attainment of water quality goals in several impaired waterbodies. These actions are taken in accordance with the Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning.

The TMDL implementation plans listed below have been developed in accordance with the 1997 Water Quality Monitoring, Information and Restoration Act (WQMIRA, §62.1-44.19:4 through 19:8 of the Code of Virginia) and federal recommendations. The TMDL implementation plans were developed in accordance with DEQ's Public Participation Procedures for Water Quality Management Planning. Extensive public participation was solicited during the development of the plans, and the public comment process provided the affected stakeholders with opportunities for comment on the proposed plans. The final TMDL implementation plans can be found at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/iprpts.html>

DEQ staff intends to recommend 1) that the board approve the four TMDL implementation plans, and 2) that the Board authorize inclusion of the TMDL implementation plans in the appropriate Water Quality Management Plan. No regulatory amendments are required for these TMDL implementation plans.

In the Potomac-Shenandoah River Basin:

"Catoctin Creek Water Quality Implementation Plan (Fecal Coliform TMDLs)"

1. Upper South Fork Catoctin Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Loudoun County
2. Lower South Fork Catoctin Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Loudoun County
3. North Fork Catoctin Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Loudoun County
4. Catoctin Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Loudoun County

"Holman's Creek Watershed Restoration Plan [Benthic and Fecal Bacteria TMDLs]"

5. Holman's Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties
6. Holman's Creek sediment (benthic) TMDL implementation plan, Rockingham and Shenandoah Counties

In the James River Basin:

"Moore's Creek Fecal Coliform TMDL Implementation Plan"

7. Moore's Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Albemarle County

In the Tennessee-Big Sandy River Basin:

"The Guest River Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plan"

8. Guest River sediment (benthic) TMDL implementation plan, Wise, Scott and Dickenson Counties
9. Sepulcher Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Wise, Scott and Dickenson Counties
10. Toms Creek Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Wise, Scott and Dickenson Counties
11. Little Toms Creek Creek bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Wise, Scott and Dickenson Counties
12. Crab Orchard Branch bacteria TMDL implementation plan, Wise, Scott and Dickenson Counties

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Board is seeking comments on the intended approval of four Total Maximum Daily Load implementation plans. Anyone wishing to submit written comments may do so by mail or by e-mail to Jutta Schneider at the address given below. Written comments must include the name and address of the commenter and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 18, 2005.

CONTACT: Additional information is available on the Department of Environmental Quality web site at <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/> or contact Jutta Schneider, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 10009, Richmond, VA 23240, or telephone (804) 698-4099, or e-mail at jschneider@deq.virginia.gov

A copy of the full text of these procedures is available electronically at:
<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/tmdl/pn/tmdlipapproval405.pdf>

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